

**CITY COUNCIL  
ATLANTA, GEORGIA**

**ORDINANCE**

**05-0-0476**

**BY PUBLIC SAFETY AND LEGAL ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 2005 (INTERGOVERNMENTAL GRANT FUND BUDGET, BY ADDING TO ANTICIPATIONS AND APPROPRIATIONS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$48,630 FOR THE PURPOSE OF IMPLEMENTING THE ATLANTA CITIZENS EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM (ACERT) PROGRAM TO TRAIN OVER 200 ATLANTA RESIDENTS AND WORKERS IN EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS AND IN BASIC RESPONSE TECHNIQUES SUFFICIENT TO SUSTAIN THEMSELVES DURING A DISASTER FOR UP TO 72 HOURS, OR UNTIL HELP ARRIVES.**

**WHEREAS**, threats to homeland security have heightened the need for emergency preparedness at every level of our community; and

**WHEREAS**, recent events have demonstrated that when a disaster strikes, whether due to acts of terrorism, natural disasters or black outs, resources can be quickly depleted and may leave citizens at a loss for immediate emergency help; and

**WHEREAS**, in order to be adequately prepared for such emergencies, citizens need to be trained in disaster management to promote self sufficiency for up to a 72-hour period; and

**WHEREAS**, ACERT will train 200 people representing community residents, employees throughout the city, employees from convention and sports arenas, and employees from selected city departments (Public Works, Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs) in disaster preparedness, fire safety, disaster medical operations, search and rescue, team organization, first aid/CPR, and incident command systems; and

**WHEREAS**, ACERT training will be provided through a partnership with the Metropolitan Atlanta Chapter of the Red Cross.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ATLANTA, GEORGIA**, as follows:

**SECTION 1:** That the 2005 Intergovernmental Grant fund be and hereby is amended as follows:

**ADD TO ANTICIPATIONS**

1B02 J53X0210JCN0

Georgia Emergency Management Agency  
(GEMA)  
Office of Domestic Preparedness Homeland  
Security Grant Program

432101

State Grants/Entitlement

**\$48,630**

**ADD TO APPROPRIATIONS**

1B02 W11T0750JCN0

2004 GEMA Citizens Emergency Response Team  
Program **\$48,630**

72\*\*\*\*

OTHER OPERATING EXPENSES

77\*\*\*\*

CAPITAL EXPENSES

**SECTION TWO :** That all Ordinances or parts of Ordinances in conflict with the provisions herein, be and are hereby repealed.



# **CITY OF ATLANTA**

## **FIRE RESCUE DEPARTMENT**

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### ***Legislative White Paper***

**Committee of Purview: PUBLIC SAFETY & LEGAL ADMINISTRATION**

**Caption:** An ordinance amending the 2005 (intergovernmental grant fund budget, by adding to anticipations and appropriations in the amount of \$48,630 from the Georgia Emergency Management Agency (GEMA) for the purpose of implementing the Atlanta Citizens Emergency Response Team (ACERT) program to train over 200 Atlanta residents and workers in emergency preparedness and in basic response techniques sufficient to sustain themselves during a disaster for up to 72 hours, or until help arrives.

**Council Meeting Date:** **March 21, 2005**

**Legislation Title:** **Adding to anticipations and appropriations an amount not to exceed \$48,630 in grant funds to implement the Atlanta Citizens Emergency Response Team (ACERT).**

**Requesting Dept.:** **Atlanta Fire Rescue Department**

**Contract Type:** **N/A**

**Source Selection:** **N/A**

**Bids/Proposals Due:** **N/A**

**Invitations Issued:** **N/A**

**Number of Bids/  
Proposals Received:** **N/A**

**Bidders/Proponents:** **N/A**

**Justification Statement:** **N/A**

**Background:** The Atlanta Fire Rescue Department has implemented a Citizens Emergency Response Team program based upon the model approved by the Federal Emergency Management Agency and piloted by the Los Angeles City Fire Department. The funds from this grant award will extend the training provided by this initiative to reach more citizens and therefore promote greater response to various disasters that threaten our city.

**Fund Account Center:** 2005 Grant Fund

**Source of Funds:** Grant award from the Federal Emergency Management Agency

**Fiscal Impact:** N/A

**Term of Contract:** N/A

**Method of Cost Recovery:** N/A

**Approvals:**

DOF:

DOL:

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